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Dear Harold,

I have just received your letter of April 2. I am appalled and very surprised to discover that your machine has still not been returned. During all of last year Kathy and I had a secretary who at the time showed herself to be one of the most able and conscientious colleagues I have had the pleasure of working with. When I left for Ireland on 22 December, she had taken on the responsibility of doing a number of "clearing-up" tasks. These included major responsibilities like paying outstanding bills,settling up with the landlord and selling my car. The first job to be done was the return of your machine, which I had insisted should be brought back to you by hand rather than risking damage in the mail.

To the consternation of Kathy and myself, we have heard nothing at all from the secretary since Christmas. I therefore have a major problem over materials un-received, and money - at best - unaccounted for. During this problem though, I felt sure that your machine had been returned. It was the only thing on which I had had any news since Jim had passed on a message about it to the secretary early in the year, and her response was that the matter was in hand. I therefore felt sure that the package had been returned to you. The secretary had been made very much aware that it was her first priority. I have only this week understood fully that the secretary has done none of the jobs she was paid to do. I have, however, established today that the machine is safe and sound, and still at her house. I shall be in the U.S. for a very few days during week beginning April 24, and will that week have the machine picked up and either drive it to you myself, or send someone with it.

Once again, I am extremely sorry, but hope you see that events - quite apart from your machine - went out of Kathy's or my control. We both very much value your help and friendship, and I hope my explanation will restore your faith in our integrity. I have not received a letter from you changing our agreement about the King material, and hope you will permit me to continue working with it. Unless I hear from you, I will - as we originally planned - let you see the relevant paragraphs as soon as they are written.

Meanwhile, the work is proving so monstrous that I am still only just about to wrap up research and start to write the first chapter!

Very best to you both,

Tony